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"Flying is a lot like playing a musical instrument; you're doing so many things and thinking of so many other things, all at the same time. It becomes a spiritual experience."

—Dusty McTavish

# Del Rio gets new recruiter



Photo by Airman Timothy J. Stein

Staff Sgt. Pedro Lozano, Del Rio recruiter, educates William Kin, Del Rio High School senior, on Air Force benefits Tuesday at the recruiter's office located at 2400 Ave. F in Del Rio. The office there has been vacant for the past six months.

By Airman Timothy J. Stein  
Staff writer

The Air Force recruiter's office, located at 2400 Ave. F in Del Rio, reopened for business Aug. 6 after nearly six months of vacancy.

Staff Sgt. Pedro Lozano, formally of the Defense Courier Service at Kelly Air Force Base, is the newly trained recruiter in charge of a 7,900-square-mile area from Comstock to Carrizo Springs.

"This office has been vacant for so long," Lozano said. "People are under the impression there is no Air Force recruiter around so they go see the other services. I'm going to try to communicate with as many [high school] seniors and graduates as I can and spread the word that there is an Air Force recruiter here now."

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# Air Force aircraft strike Iraqi sites

WASHINGTON — Air Force F-16 Fighting Falcons were among some 20 Operation Southern Watch coalition aircraft used in a strike against military communication, radar and missile sites in southern Iraq Aug. 10.

The strike, called "routine" by officials from U.S. Central Command, targeted a number of Iraqi sites, including communication facilities near An Numaniyah, about 70 miles southeast of Baghdad, and against a mobile early warning radar system and surface-to-air missile site near An Nasiriyah, about 170 miles southeast of Baghdad, said Army Lt. Col. Steve Cambell, spokesperson for the

Department of Defense. Target battle damage assessment is still ongoing.

The strikes were said to be in response to recent hostile acts by Iraq against Coalition aircraft monitoring the no-fly zones in the region. Joining the F-16s in this strike were Navy F/A-18 Hornets and F-14A Tomcats, along with Royal Air Force FR-4 aircraft. All aircraft returned safely from Iraqi airspace to their forward-deployed units, officials said.

"We conduct the strikes to protect U.S. and coalition pilots and aircraft monitoring the no-fly zones,"

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(Air Force News Service graphic)

Air Force F-16 Fighting Falcons were among some 20 Operation Southern Watch coalition aircraft used in a strike against military communication, radar and missile sites in southern Iraq Aug. 10. Shown is the no-fly zone.



# Commanders' Corner

By 1st. Lt. Dawnita Parkinson  
*Public affairs chief*

## Laughlin: great place to live, work

I love Laughlin Air Force Base! When people ask how I like my assignment here, that response usually surprises some of them. But after seven assignments, as both enlisted and officer, there's one thing I've learned: tour enjoyment is a matter of perspective, people and attitude.

Before coming to Laughlin in February, I was on a remote tour to Korea – I left for the other side of the world just one month after getting married. Being separated from my husband was the hardest thing I've ever had to do. But because of that

separation, my husband and I both learned not to take anything for granted. Laughlin Air Force Base? Del Rio, Texas? I'm here with my husband, so how could I possibly complain? No matter where you are, it's important to count your blessings and realize that it could always be worse. A tour is – or isn't – exactly what you make of it. It's all a matter of perspective.

People also make a huge difference in tour enjoyment. From the day I arrived here, the camaraderie, community spirit and friendliness of the Laughlin and Del Rio people have

truly impressed me. I love friendly people! I love it when complete strangers wave and smile as we pass each other. It just has a way of brightening my entire day, and I find myself with a permanent smile on my face because of it.

I have also been blessed with a wonderful staff and boss (no schmoozing intended). Have you ever been in a job where there was conflict or tension in the office, and you dreaded going into work every day? It doesn't matter if you're in Key West, Fla., working in that kind

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## Top Three Talk

By Master Sgt. Emanuel Hannibal  
*47th Civil Engineer Squadron deputy fire chief*



## Fire safety starts with proper planning

Each year I am alarmed at the number of deaths that occur in our great nation due to residential fires. What's even worse, most of these deaths could have easily been prevented by effectively employing an in-home fire escape plan.

It absolutely shocks firefighters when they gain entry to a burning home to see a lifeless body just inside an exterior door, which indicates the person was within a few steps of making a successful escape.

One of the most difficult tasks a firefighter faces is to change the attitude of people regarding fire safety. Not just teaching people how to maintain a fire-safe home, but to instill in people the importance of developing and practicing a home fire escape plan – the key ingredient for getting out of a burning house alive.

I ask you this question. If a fire broke out in your home during the

middle of the night, are you and the loved ones you cherish prepared well enough to get out alive?

According to the National Fire Protection Association during a recent home-escape survey, only a small percentage of American families have and practice an in-home fire escape plan to ensure they can escape quickly and safely.

More than 4,000 residential deaths occur due to fires in the United States each year, and much too often it is because people could not get out in time.

By developing and practicing an in home fire escape plan, you will greatly improve your chances for survival.

The elements of an effective fire escape plan are:

■ Have operational smoke detectors on every level of the home and outside each sleeping area.

■ Ensure there are two escape routes out of each room in the house (whether they are through a door or window).

■ Maintain unobstructed and easy-to-use exits.

■ Establish a meeting place outside of the home to account for everyone.

■ Post emergency notification numbers near each telephone.

■ Practice your escape plan a minimum of twice a year.

Everyone, including preschoolers, can be taught the basics of fire escape. If you have an infant or family member with mobility limitations, someone in the household should assist with his evacuation. Also make sure doors and windows are not nailed or painted shut. If you have security bars, they should be installed with interior disconnection devices.

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– 47th FTW motto

### Infocon Alpha

Laughlin is currently in Infocon Alpha, which means there is an increased risk of attack on information systems. People working with these systems should stay alert.

# Founding fathers paved way for what was to come

By Master Sgt.  
Rick Burnham

WASHINGTON – The recent decision by the National Archives and Records Administration to remove the original Declaration of Independence, the Bill of Rights and the Constitution from public display because of a renovation project really hit home with me. A new resident of the National Capital Region, I had listed that location as a “must see” during my tour at the Pentagon, along with the Washington Monument and the Jefferson Memorial.

To the average American, these documents provide a glimpse of the brilliance our forefathers demonstrated in laying the blueprint for our

country. That we have become, in a relatively short period of time, the greatest nation in the history of the Earth only serves to validate that brilliance.

But to the bluesuiter, those of us who defend the words of Thomas Jefferson, John Adams and Benjamin Franklin, these documents say so much more. They outline not only the duties and responsibilities we have as Americans, but also the manner in which they are conducted. They guarantee all the rights and privileges associated with being free men and women, but stress that integrity should be the guide in all we do.

It is unlikely that Jefferson, or Adams, or Franklin could have envi-

sioned a U.S. Air Force of 2001. Stealth technology, air-to-air refueling and the C-17 Globemaster III would have been significant leaps of faith, considering the Wright brothers’ historical flight was still more than a century away.

Still, it is truly amazing how the key concepts of today’s Air Force – our core values – are laced throughout the Declaration, the Bill of Rights and the Constitution. Although you won’t find the words “Integrity First, Service Before Self and Excellence In All We Do” anywhere in them, the ideas behind them are consistently on display in these documents.

Together, the Constitution, Declaration of Independence and Bill of Rights serve to ensure we live and

work in an atmosphere conducive to living our lives to the fullest. Instead of worrying about whether our personal beliefs will be accepted by those in power, we can concentrate on more important things: our families, our careers, and our dreams. Success, accomplishment, “excellence in all we do.”

We can speak our minds without worrying about retribution. We can assemble, and do it with the confidence that we can and will make a difference.

So we owe thanks to Jefferson, Adams and Franklin. While they couldn’t have imagined it then, their forethought helped shape the greatest Air Force in the world.

(Courtesy of Air Force Print News)

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of environment is hard on even the most positive, optimistic person.

Of course, optimism and attitude go hand in hand. Admittedly, even I have to work on keeping a positive attitude, and I certainly have my share of bad days. Most people know that attitude makes a world of difference in your own personal happiness, but it can also have a very positive – or detrimental – effect on everyone around you.

My favorite rule of Gen. Colin Powell, now our nation’s secretary of state, is “Perpetual optimism is a force multiplier” because my experience has shown me how true it is.

Optimism really does rub off on people around you; unfortunately, so does pessimism. That’s why it’s important to be aware of what you say and how you say it when you’re around other people – especially if you are a supervisor. Adopting the “glass is half full” attitude goes a long way toward boosting troop morale. It also goes a long way toward improving your own state of happiness.

Perspective, people and attitude. I realize everyone has different experiences and, therefore, different opinions as to what makes a good tour. But I truly believe these three factors are the keys to tour enjoyment, regardless of where you’re stationed.

So how do you like Laughlin Air Force Base?

## ‘Fire,’ from page 2

This enables you to keep the bad guys out, but does not trap you inside during a fire.

The important thing is to react quickly when your smoke alarm sounds, and do not waste time exiting the house.

I can’t guarantee that a fire escape plan will save your life if you experience a tragic fire, but if you elect not to have one, your chance for survival is greatly reduced.

I don’t know if you have ever been in a fire, but let my testimony, as someone who has experienced a lot of them, fill you in. It is one of the most frightening experiences anyone

can be subjected to. Therefore, your best chance is to be prepared because during a fire every second counts.

The NFPA has been collecting data over the past few years from individuals who have successfully escaped fires.

In a little more than four years, hundreds of lives have been saved and are directly attributed to home fire escape plans that were practiced on a regular basis. All of the survivors stated, “We knew exactly what to do.”

So I ask you, is it worth the time and effort it takes to develop and practice a fire escape plan in your own home?

You bet it is!

## Actionline 298-5351

timely personal reply. It’s also very useful in case more information is needed in order to pursue your inquiry. If you give your name, we will make every attempt to ensure confidentiality when appropriate.

If your question relates to the general interest of the people of Laughlin, the question and answer may also be printed in the Border Eagle. Before you call the Actionline, please try to work the problem out through the normal chain of command or directly with the base agency involved.

Thanks for your cooperation, and I look forward to reading some quality ideas and suggestions.

This column is one way to work through problems that haven’t been solved through normal channels. By leaving your name and phone number, you are assured of a



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47 FTW commander

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## 'Recruiter,' from page 1

Lozano, who works in the same building as Army, Navy and Marine recruiters, said the other recruiters weren't thrilled to see him arrive.

"They said everyone comes here looking for the Air Force first and now that I'm here it is going to make their jobs that much tougher," Lozano said jokingly.

The office has been vacant the past six months because of a lack of Air Force recruiters.

"The Air Force is hurting for recruiters really bad," said Lozano. "No one seems to want to become a recruiter right now."

It's bad when there are three Army recruiters covering the same amount of area he is

expected to cover, he said.

But Lozano said he doesn't let the workload get him down. He believes he is in the unique position to talk to the people in this area since he is from nearby San Angelo.

"Being from west Texas, I feel I can relate to what many of the younger people around here are going through," Lozano said. "Hopefully, that will make it easier for me to show them all the Air Force has to offer."

Lozano has already signed up his first of what he hopes to be many recruits.

"The Air Force was very rewarding to me as a person," he said, explaining why he wanted to become a recruiter. "[The Air Force] has done wonders for my life. I thought it would be great to recruit other people so maybe they could

have the same opportunities the Air Force gave me."

While in the Air Force, Lozano has taken advantage of many of those opportunities. He has traveled all over the world in the 15 years he has been enlisted. He has taken the time to get a bachelor's degree in child development — a feat he doesn't think would have happened had he not joined the Air Force.

"I wasn't really college material at the time," he said of his days before joining the Air Force. "But I couldn't see myself working at a gas station or working at a ranch the rest of my life."

The Air Force is a "great stepping stone," if nothing else, he said.

Lozano said he hopes he can show at least that much to the youth of Del Rio and the surrounding area.

## 'Strike,' from page 1

said Army Col. Rick Thomas, CENTCOM spokesperson at MacDill Air Force Base, Fla.

A Pentagon spokesperson noted that coalition aircraft on Operation Northern Watch patrol were attacked today by Iraqi anti-aircraft artillery and surface-to-air missiles, but did not respond. A previous coalition strike in the southern no-fly zone was made July 17 against an Iraqi anti-aircraft artillery site, the CENTCOM release said.

Pentagon officials said the Iraqis fired a sur-

face-to-air missile at a Navy reconnaissance plane inside Kuwaiti airspace July 19, and another missile that almost hit a U-2 Dragon Lady surveillance plane flying over southern Iraq July 24.

From December 1998 to date, more than 1,000 separate incidents have occurred of Iraqis firing missiles and anti-aircraft artillery at coalition aircraft, CENTCOM officials said. More than 375 of the incidents have occurred in 2001. In addition, Iraqi aircraft have violated the southern no-fly zone more than 160 times.

(Courtesy of Air Force Print News)

# Newsline

## Entertainers needed

The Laughlin Heritage Celebration Committee needs DJs and entertainers to perform musical, dance or comedy acts at the Laughlin Heritage Celebration Sept. 21.

Interested groups should contact 1st Lt. Melissa Parent at 298-5053. A representative from each group is asked to attend the first planning meeting at 10 a.m. Aug. 20 in the Support Group conference room.

## Transition seminar set

A Transition Assistance Program seminar is scheduled from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday at Club XL.

All separating and retiring active-duty members are encouraged to attend. The seminar is also opened to civilians who are retiring or separating on a space-available basis.

For more information, call 298-5620.

## Thrift Shop holds sale

The Thrift Shop is having end of summer sales today, Wednesday and Aug. 24 during regular business hours of 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. This includes only Thrift Shop property items for sale.

For more information, call 298-5592.

## Ice cream social set

The Officer Spouses Club is hosting an ice cream social at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at Club XL.

To R.S.V.P. last names A-L, call Audi Lockhart at 298-7340. Last names M-Z should call Jackie Oberdieck at 298-7201.

The event is open to all officer spouses.

## American Legion meets

The Del Rio-Laughlin American Legion Post No. 298 will hold its regular meeting at "The Barn" on Highway 90 across from Laughlin's main gate at 7:30 p.m. Aug. 29.

For more information, call Murry Kachel at 298-2097.

## Sul Ross hosts registration

The base education office will host Sul Ross State University's fall 2001 registration Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

For more information, call the education office at 298-5529.

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power Office at 298-5236.**



# Mission complete – SUPT Class 01-13 graduates today

## Compiled from staff reports

**S**tudent Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 01-13 graduates at 10 a.m. today in the Operations Training Complex auditorium.

The 52-week SUPT program prepares student pilots for the spectrum of Air

Force aircraft and flying missions. Primary training consists of 254.4 hours of ground training, 27.3 hours in the flight simulator and 89 flying hours.

After primary training, the future pilots are selected for advanced in-flight training in a specialized track.

The tracks include tanker, bomber and cargo

aircraft training in the T-1; fighter training in the T-38; turbo propeller aircraft training in the Navy's T-44; and helicopter training in the Army's UH-1. Advanced training lasts about 26 weeks.

Graduates of Class 01-13 have been assigned to duty stations throughout the world.



**Maj. Claude Swammy**  
Class leader  
KC-135, Alaska (ANG)



**Capt. Timothy Shedd**  
Assistant class leader  
F-16, Luke AFB, Ariz.



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KC-135, Mt. Home AFB, Idaho



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KC-135, Fairchild AFB, Wash.



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T-37, Laughlin AFB



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A-10A, New Orleans, La. (AFRES)



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KC-135R, Milwaukee, Wis. (ANG)



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C-130, Nashville, Tenn. (ANG)



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**2nd Lt. Jeremy Leighton**  
C-21, Randolph AFB



**2nd Lt. Sarah Nickloes**  
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C-5, Travis AFB, Calif. (AFRES)



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MB 339, Italy



**2nd Lt. Christopher Thompson**  
KC-135, Grand Forks AFB, N.D.



**2nd Lt. Antonio Viola**  
MB 339, Italy



Photo by Jesse Diaz

## Tickets to paradise

Tech Sgt. Scott Schmidt, 47th Operations Support Squadron Life Support NCOIC, receives a certificate good for a one-week booking at the Armed Forces Vacation Club from Fred McKenney, 47th Services Division club manager. Another trip was awarded to 2nd Lt. Ryan Hayes, 47th Operations Group student pilot. He received a vacation package to Orlando, Fla. The trips were given as part of the "Members Rewards" program, which serves to stimulate club participation at Air Education and Training Command installations.

# Air Force tests athletic-cut uniforms

WASHINGTON — Seeing a significant increase in tailoring costs, and based on feedback from the field, the Air Force is currently testing athletic-cut uniforms for men.

"In the past few years, we had noticed a 142-percent increase in tailoring costs at basic training to accommodate men with athletic-type builds," said Master Sgt. Ruth Nischwitz, chief of the Air Force uniform board office. "We also were getting questions and comments about the uniform fit from athletic-built second-term and career airmen."

The test started in July and is projected to end in March.

Participants are testing the service jacket and trousers, Nischwitz said. There

are also plans to include men's shirts in the test program.

For the test phase, uniform designers enlarged the upper torso, chest, neck and biceps and decreased the waist for the service jackets. Additionally, the thighs and seat areas were increased on the trousers, while the waists were made smaller, Nischwitz said.

According to program managers at the Air Force Clothing Office at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, participants will evaluate the garments' appearance, comfort, fit and suitability.

During this phase, participants will focus on wearing and maintaining these uniforms. Data gathered from the test will be used to

confirm the suitability of the new sizes, validate size prediction charts and update procurement documents, according to program managers Yvonne Wilson and Debra Klensch.

Although the current test applies only to the men's uniform, the clothing office may expand the test to include the women's uniform.

Based on the participants' feedback and suggestions, the items would eventually be placed in clothing sales stores for purchase, Nischwitz said.

"I've always believed a team evolves into what you equip and envision them to be," he said. "If you want a fit force, arm them with uniforms that fit that image."

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## Open container law takes effect Sept. 1

**By Capt. Lucy Carrillo**

*Legal Office military justice chief*

**O**n Sept. 1 an open container law will go into effect in Texas making it illegal to have open alcoholic beverages in a moving or parked vehicle.

Texas currently does not have an open container law. What this means is that it is not illegal to have an open container of alcohol in your vehicle, unless you are observed drinking an alcoholic beverage while driving.

This does not mean you can drink and drive as long as you do not get caught. Nor does it mean you should keep open containers of alcohol in your car. If you are convicted of driving while intoxicated and it is proven that you had an open container of alcohol in your immediate possession, the sentencing will be harsher.

Last spring, two bills related to alcohol and open containers went before the House and Senate, primarily in an attempt to allow Texas to recoup federal highway money. Under federal law, states are required to enact laws that meet federal requirements for open container laws. If a state fails to enact or enforce such laws, federal law further requires that a percentage of federal highway funds apportioned to the state be diverted to traffic safety programs. That percentage will double in October, thus causing Texas to lose out on even more federal highway construction funds if no open container law is enacted.

Perhaps an even more important reason for passing an open container law is that Texas far outranks all other states in alcohol-related traffic deaths. The second- and third-ranked states, California and Florida, even when combined, do not come close to the number of deaths in Texas. Both of these reasons contributed to the House and Senate decision to approve HB 5, the open container law.

The specifics of the new law make it illegal to knowingly possess an open container of alcohol anywhere in the passenger area of your vehicle. It does not matter if you are not driving because it is still illegal even if your car is stopped or even parked. Nor is it a defense if you are the passenger of the car; it is still illegal. Nor does it matter that you have resealed a previously opened container of alcohol because "open container" is defined very broadly.

Violating this law is now a Class C misdemeanor, which carries a fine of \$500. The only way to truly be safe under the new law is to transport alcohol in the trunk of your car or in a locked storage compartment.

For more information about specific legal issues, call 298-5172 or come by the Laughlin Legal Office, located upstairs in the headquarters building. Walk-in hours are Tuesdays from 3-4 p.m. and Thursdays from 8-9 a.m.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Brad Pettit

## New glory

Del Rio Mayor Dora Alcala and Col. Jack Egginton, 47th Flying Training Wing commander, raise the Del Rio flag in front of the wing headquarters building Tuesday. Col. Egginton and the mayor said the Del Rio flag will fly alongside the American flag to symbolize the close working relationship Laughlin Air Force Base has with the local community.

# Aristolochic acid products recalled

The Food and Drug Administration has now classified Aristolochic Acid as a CLASS I toxic substance. Kidney damage and/or failure has been associated with this product. The manufacturer, Pacific Biologic, is currently conducting a recall of all products containing this ingredient.

The following is a general list of products by Pacific Biologic that contain Aristolochic Acid.

- Herbal Masters Arpanex B capsules
- Herbal Masters Cys 50 capsules
- Herbal Masters Cys 90 capsules
- Herbal Masters Cys 180 capsules
- Herbal Masters Koms A 50 capsules
- Balance & Harmony Artiflex B 90 capsules
- Balance & Harmony Gentiana Combination 90 capsules
- Pacific Biologic Orthoflex capsules

These herbs were also sold in bottles containing capsules of herb powder with labels identifying the herb as Akebia Trifoliata Caulis (Mu Tong) or the herb Asarum Sieboldii Herba Cum Radix (Xi Xin). Patients should discontinue taking any products containing Aristolochic Acid.

(Courtesy of the 47th Medical Group)

# 5 x 6 NEW HORIZONS

# Airmen cite education as top recruiting incentive

**By Tech. Sgt. Ralph Bitter**  
*Air University Public Affairs*

MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE, Ala. — Again and again, basic military training surveys reveal that educational opportunities are the number one reason people join the military.

The Community College of the Air Force is one of those opportunities. Currently, more than 236,000 of some 281,000 enlisted airmen are enrolled in a CCAF degree program.

After graduating from basic training and being assigned an Air Force Specialty Code, all enlisted people are automatically enrolled in a degree program designed for their career fields.

CCAF students automatically receive credit for completing basic train-

ing, entry-level and advanced technical training, and skill-level upgrades. Attending Airman Leadership School, Noncommissioned Officer Academy and Senior NCO Academy also earns credit.

The CCAF uses the student transcript, administration and record system to keep track of a student's earned credits. The system contains more than 2.5 million files, said Dr. Elane Seebo, dean of academic affairs. This allows CCAF to keep updated records no matter where a student is stationed. Local base education offices can pull up a student's records using the online progress report and can send updates to CCAF.

Currently, more than 116,000 students are pursuing a CCAF degree.

For airmen wishing to pursue a bachelor's degree, "most of the

CCAF General Education credits will transfer to a four-year institution," said Dr. Seebo. "Technical credits would probably transfer easier for students wishing to enter into a technical program. The CCAF will also soon be able to determine who is qualified to take the Federal Aviation Administration Airframe and Powerplant License examination."

CCAF is the largest multicampus community college in the world, and it is the only community college in the Department of Defense. It has 119 affiliated schools located in 36 states, the District of Columbia, five foreign countries and Guam. It has nearly 7,000 faculty members who provide instruction for the personal and professional development of airmen.

The college is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and

Schools, Commission on Colleges. The school must meet stringent academic requirements.

"The quality of our instruction, resources and qualifications of our instructors are affirmed by the SACS," said Dr. Seebo.

CCAF was activated in 1972 to provide academic recognition for training provided by Air Force schools and to provide airmen opportunity to pursue an associate in applied science degree. CCAF programs are designed to help airmen meet the technological and leadership challenges of the Air Force. To date CCAF has conferred more than 212,000 degrees.

Visit the CCAF Web site at [www.au.af.mil/au/ccaf/](http://www.au.af.mil/au/ccaf/) for more information.

(Courtesy of Air Force Print News)

## Doctrine summit details Air Force strategies

**By Staff Sgt. Jason Tudor**  
*Air Force Print News*

With eyes on a previous summit, studies and reports, senior leaders from across the Air Force met to discuss and resolve doctrine issues, making sure lessons observed become lessons learned.

The Air Force Doctrine Summit II concluded at the Air Force Wargaming Institute at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., Aug. 10, providing a general officers' forum to talk about current dilemmas and the road ahead for doctrinal issues. Doctor James Roche, secretary of the Air Force, Gen. Michael E. Ryan, Air Force chief of staff, and his successor, Gen. John P. Jumper, were among those in attendance.

Discussion centered on several issues including whether current Air Force and joint doctrine incorporates recent lessons learned. Also, the group discussed the role of the commander of air force forces as well as that of the joint forces air component commander.

Attendees reviewed notes from the Operation Allied Force summit, the predecessor to this current event, as well as the General Accounting Office report on the air war over Serbia.

A summit like this brought the importance of doctrine in the lives of airmen to the forefront, said Maj. Gen. Lance L. Smith, Air Force Doctrine Center commander.

"The chief of staff determined we

needed this summit to ensure the lessons observed had become lessons learned," Smith said.

The leadership examined command and control of space forces, joint doctrine and other key issues during the summit.

Air Force doctrine, and the creation of the Air Force Doctrine Center, evolved in 1997 when now retired chief of staff, Gen. Ronald Fogleman, saw the need for doctrine at an operational versus tactical level. Doctrine started out as a publication called "The Little Red Book," which brought together many of the thoughts and ideas that have been incorporated into today's Air Force doctrine.

During the summit, leaders commented on the importance of doctrine to airmen across the spectrum. The end result of the meeting is a set of "taskings" doled out to project officers across the Air Force. Everything from homeland defense to the application of doctrine in experiments, exercises and war games is being addressed.

Jumper, the commander of Air Combat Command, said there were other reasons why doctrine is so vital.

"Doctrine is important for the Air Force for several reasons," he said. "We've got to stay in touch with our doctrine and pay attention to what we've learned through blood and history."

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# Air Force doctrine helping to change idea of 'joint environment'

**By Staff Sgt. Jason Tudor**  
*Air Force Print News*

MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE, Ala. — Air Force doctrine is burrowing into the Army officer corps, transforming the way airmen and soldiers do business together in a joint environment.

Teaching more than 7,500 students each year, Air Force officers at operating locations on Army training posts across the United States evangelize the Air Force way to every level of the Army's officer corps. The greenest lieutenant and the most senior brigade commander receive briefings on everything from what a C-130 Hercules looks like to how aerospace power can help them conduct land-based operations for the joint force commander.

Ingraining Air Force blue into Army green has been done for as long as there has been a separate service. The difference now? Air Force instructors get the opportunity to weave operational doctrine into their teachings, cementing the vital role air power has in the joint warfighting arena.

Classes are taught at Fort Rucker, Ala. (Army aviation), Fort Knox, Ky. (armor), Fort Sill, Okla. (field artillery), Fort Bliss, Texas (air defense artillery), and Fort Leavenworth, Kan. (combined arms).

Lt. Col. Sonny Arvin preaches the Air Force gospel at the Army Armor Center at Fort Knox. He speaks to between 750 and 800 students every year, talking about Air Force missions to include air interdiction and close air support. He teaches at the Army Career Captains Courses (jun-

*"There's the soldier's perspective, on the ground viewing the battlefield through its width and depth, and the airmen's perspective, seeing the battlefield in a three-dimensional manner."*

**Lt. Col. Sonny Arvin**  
*Instructor at Army Armor Center*

ior officers) and the Pre-Command Courses (field grade and senior officers).

Arvin is no stranger to the Army. He was the 19th Air Support Operations Squadron commander with the 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell, Ky., for a time, and he is intimate with Army operations and the service's working mindset. During his tenure at Fort Knox, Arvin said he has learned even more about how the two services work together.

"There's some different thinking and some different ways of working," he said. "We're all after the same objective though."

That objective is working together to win a war. Arvin said doing that means approaching the fight from two very different perspectives. Traditionally, the Air Force supports the joint force commander by helping the Army in a number of ways such as providing reconnaissance (satellite imagery), close air support (A-10 Thunderbolt IIs engaging the enemy in close proximity to friendly troops) and other airborne mission areas.

"There's the soldier's perspective, on the ground viewing the battlefield through its width and depth, and the airmen's perspective, seeing the battlefield in a three-dimensional manner," he said. "We go in and show them the Air Force way of do-

ing business according to our doctrine and how we support the joint force commander during contingencies."

The development, Arvin said, is evolutionary.

"When we get them as lieutenants, we set the stage," he said. "By the time they become captains, there's a greater interest and, finally, as brigade commanders, there's a tremendous interest in seeing what aerospace power can bring to the fight."

Lt. Col. Al Jones reaches more than 5,000 students each year at Fort Rucker, the home of Army aviation. They ask many of the same questions about what the Air Force can provide during battle, but many of the questions are about close air support, helping soldiers win their fight in the mud.

However, sometimes the classroom atmosphere — composed primarily of warrant officers, new and old — can grow tense when Jones suggests there are other options for close air support when there just isn't enough to go around.

"They're all concerned about close air support," Jones said. "When we're unable to provide it at times, we tell them 'Look, we're not mad at you and didn't supply CAS because we were off playing golf. There's only so much to go around.'"

Jones goes on to explain there are other options and ways to meet the mission needs, more effects-based solutions to the situation instead of just supplying close air support — all revolving around the latest doctrine the Air Force is employing at an operational level.

But while all the academic advice about global attack, joint warfare and Air Force methods sets the table, Jones said many of the issues he discusses are more fundamental.

"On a lot of levels, what I'm trying to teach is that we are not the enemy," he said. "We're a joint force, and we're not going to go to war without you."

Both Arvin and Jones agree the development of a joint fighting force is the path to future operations. Having Air Force officers available to teach best practices to their counterparts in green is one way to accomplish that.

"It's working," Arvin said. "Everybody believes that we ultimately have to come together to fight jointly. If we can come together on certain things, we'll fight and work better together."

Jones agreed but said the mindset of joint warfighting, and meshing effects-based warfighting capabilities, will take time to catch on.

"A shift like that will take a while," he said. "You almost have to be like an evangelist. First, we have to get Air Force people talking this way, and then we'll get the broad spectrum of camaraderie working."

"The benefit," he said, "is for the joint force. The joint force will fight future wars. So, we have a lot in common."

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## Chapel Schedule

### Catholic

#### Sunday

- Mass, 9:30 a.m.
- Confession by appointment
- Little Rock Scripture Study, 11 a.m. in Chapel Fellowship Hall

#### Thursday

- Choir, 6 p.m.

### Muslim

Dr. Mostafa Salama,  
Call 768-9200

### Jewish

Max Stool, call  
775-4519

### Protestant

#### Sunday

- General worship, 11 a.m.

#### Wednesday

- Women's Bible Study, 12:30-2:15 p.m. at chapel
- Choir, 7 p.m. at chapel

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## The *XLer*



Photo by Airman 1st Class Brad Pettit

### **Yvonne Ford**

*47th Flying Training Wing Manpower and Organization  
management analyst*

**Hometown:** San Antonio

**Family:** Husband, Frank,  
and two sons

**Time at Laughlin:** 28  
years

**Time in service:** 27 years

**Name one way to im-  
prove life at Laughlin:**

I'll name two: care and  
share

**Greatest accomplish-  
ment:** Assisting with the  
Adult Literacy Council  
Program

**Hobbies:** Reading

**Bad habit:** Eating junk  
food

**Favorite food:** Any kind  
of bread

**Favorite beverage:** Tea

**If you could spend one  
hour with any person,  
who would it be and why?**

Kahil Gibran. He is poet,  
philosopher and artist.  
He's an individual who  
transcends boundaries and  
speaks not only English, but  
Human. His writings ex-  
press the deepest impulses  
of man's heart and mind.

## Where are they now?

**Name:** Lt. Col. Dave Carey

**Class/date of graduation from Laughlin:** Class 85-06

**Aircraft you now fly and base you are stationed at:**  
C-130, Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark.

**Mission of your current aircraft?** Tactical airlift

**What do you like most about your current aircraft?**

Diversity of mission

**What do you dislike most about your current aircraft?**

It's the old '63 vintage

**What was the most important thing you learned at  
Laughlin besides learning to fly?** Realizing the marked  
difference between the Air Force Academy and the opera-  
tional environments

**What is your most memorable experience from  
Laughlin?** T-38 solo

**What advice would you give SUPT students at  
Laughlin?** Apply yourself 100 percent while in SUPT. The  
dividends from the effort there will continue throughout your  
entire flying career.



(Air Force courtesy photo)

# Some gifts can mean big trouble

By Capt. Chad Diederich  
Legal Office deputy staff judge advocate

There are strict rules on when federal employees may accept gifts under federal law and regulations. Violations of these laws carry civil and criminal penalties. Thus, it is important to understand what gifts military people are prohibited from accepting.

A federal employee may not accept a gift from a prohibited source or if it is given because of the employee's official position. A gift is broadly defined and includes any gratuity, favor, discount, entertainment, hospitality, loan, forbearance, or other item having any monetary value.

However, there are some important exceptions. Items that do not constitute a gift are coffee, donuts and similar modest items of food and refreshments, when not being offered as part of a meal, greeting cards and items with little intrinsic value such as plaques, certificates, and trophies that are intended solely for presentation, and items that are available and open to the general public, such as discounts. If the item being offered does not fall into one of these exceptions, it must be determined whether it is being offered by a prohibited source.

A prohibited source is any person or entity seeking official action by the employee's agency, does or seeks to do business with the employee's agency, is regulated by the employee's agency, has interests that may be substantially affected by the employee's official duties, or is an organization of which a majority of its members fit into one or more of these categories. In other words if you or the agency you work for, can potentially affect the interests of the entity giving the gift, then it may not be accepted. If you, or the agency you work for will not affect the interests of the giver, then the giver is not a prohibited source. If the giver is not a prohibited source, then we can move on to determine whether the gift is being given because of your official position with the federal government.

The test for official position is whether the gift would have been offered to an em-

ployee if he were not employed with the federal government. If the gift would have been offered, then it may be accepted.

If a gift is prohibited under the general rules outlined above, federal employees may still have a chance to keep the gift. This last chance comes in the form of multiple exceptions. The first exception allows employees to accept unsolicited gifts with a market value of \$20 or less per source, per occasion, so long as the total value of all gifts received from a single source during the year does not exceed \$50. The second exception is for gifts based on a personal relationship rather than the position of the employee (i.e. father/son relationship). The third exception is for discounts and favorable rates offered to members of a federal organization if the same offer is broadly available to large segments of the public through organizations of similar size. The next exception applies to benefits and reduced membership fees offered by professional organizations if the only restrictions on membership relate to professional qualifications. The fifth exception applies to awards and honorary degrees that are part of a regular and established program of recognition for meritorious public service/achievement or an honorary degree from an institution of higher education. There is also an exception for gifts based on outside business or employment activities that are not offered or enhanced because of the person's federal employment. Additionally, an offer of free attendance by the sponsor (other than travel and lodging) at an event attended in an official capacity may be accepted if the agency determines it has an interest in the event.

There are other narrow exceptions that may apply to meals, refreshments and entertainment in foreign areas; educational scholarships and grants; and gifts at ship launches and similar ceremonies. If you believe one of these additional exceptions may apply, then you should contact your local legal office for guidance.

If one of the above exceptions applies to what would otherwise be a prohibited gift, then there is one other question you must ask yourself before accepting it. That is "Would acceptance of the gift create the appearance of an ethical violation?" If it would, the gift must be rejected.

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**If you have questions about these issues or other gift issues, you should contact an ethics counselor at the base legal office. The legal office may be reached at 298-5172.**

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# Pentagon NCO to officiate Little League World Series

By Master Sgt. Rick Burnham

*Air Force Print News*

WASHINGTON – As many as 3 million children play Little League baseball around the world, popping leather and lining hits from Tampa to Texas to Timbuktu.

As the world turns its attention to Williamsport, Pa., for the annual Little League World Series, a handful of those youngsters will unknowingly get their first exposure to the U.S. Air Force, courtesy of Master Sgt. Richard Ealy.

Ealy, superintendent of the National Security Policy Division at the Pentagon, is not part of a grand recruiting scheme the Air Force has devised to bring in new members, nor is he part of added security for President George W. Bush, expected to throw out the first pitch of the annual event.

Instead, Ealy will serve as an umpire in the 16-team event, scheduled for Aug. 17-26 at Howard J. Lamade Stadium in Williamsport, site of the series every year since 1959.

The 19-year Air Force veteran is one of a few officials nationwide selected to work the series, which will be televised on CBS and ESPN.

The sergeant said the tournament will be the highlight of more than two decades of umpiring.

"It's an honor to be selected," he said. "Little League is a great institution, one that mirrors life itself, teaching the discipline of teamwork, sportsmanship and fair play. To work the series is one of the highlights of my career as an official."

That career began at age 18, in his hometown of Madison, Fla., a sleepy farming community about 75 miles east of Tallahassee. The beginning came as a result of a small favor to his father.

"My father was the chief umpire in my home-

town," he said. "One day he was short of umpires and asked me to help with a game. I had a lot of fun and have been doing it ever since."

No stranger to the world of sports, Ealy played baseball, football and basketball in high school and was good enough to garner a tryout with the Cincinnati Reds before entering the Air Force. He was a member of the base softball teams at both Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla., and at Comiso Air Station, Italy.

It is a profession, he said, that requires leadership, integrity, dignity, respect, loyalty, understanding and patience. It does not hurt, he added, for an umpire to have thick skin.

"You can't have 'rabbit ears' while umpiring," he said. "Fifty percent of the people is going to love you on any given call. The other 50 percent is going to hate you. Basically, the only friend you have on the field is your umpiring partner."

Both umpire positions, home plate and on the bases, can be challenging at times, he said. But behind the plate brings some special challenges.

"I believe umpiring behind the plate can be the toughest job," he said. "You have to know a lot of different things, and you're responsible for the movement of the game and overall game control."

Fortunately, he said, Little League umpires have plenty of training opportunities.

"Little League has an umpire registry that allows umpires to receive regular mailings from headquarters on rule interpretations and updates," he said.

And this year's tournament, with teams from around the world converging on Williamsport, will provide plenty of experience and training, along with enough memories to last a lifetime.

(Courtesy of Air Force Print News)

## Sports Briefs

### Tennis tournament set

The XL Fitness Center will host a one-on-one self-directed tennis tournament now through Sept. 12. Six players are needed in order for the tournament to be held.

For more information or to sign up, call the XL Fitness Center at 298-5251 or 298-5326.

### Tournament scheduled

The XL Fitness Center will host a two-on-two basketball tournament beginning Aug. 25. Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m., and the competition will begin at 10 a.m. Participants must be at least 16 years old. Six teams must be present in order for the tournament to be held.

For more information, call the fitness center at 298-5251.

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